HOUSE BILL 2861

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-3-307(a)(4) and Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 26, relative to K-12 education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-2602(3)(C), is amended by deleting the word "or" at the end of subdivision (i) (c) and by deleting subdivision (ii) and substituting instead the following:

- (ii) Is zoned to attend or attends a school that is in the ASD; or
- (iii) Is zoned to attend a school in an LEA that, during the three-year period immediately preceding September 1, 2025, or thereafter, did not offer students one-hundred eighty (180) days of in-person learning for a school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-3-307(a), is amended by deleting the language "effective with fiscal year 2016-2017," and deleting subdivision (a)(4) and substituting instead the following:

- (4) The cost differential factor must be funded at sixteen percent (16%) in fiscal year 2022-2023 and reduced in the formula in subsequent years as increases are made to the instructional salary and wages component; provided, that the cost differential factor must be eliminated from the formula in the 2024-2025 fiscal year;
- SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.